

RP-China Spratlys deal angers Vietnam

MANILA—Vietnam has said Thursday its claims by China and the Philippines to map potential oil deposits around the Spratly Islands and establish its sovereignty over the disputed South China Sea archipelago.

Foreign ministry spokesman Le Quang around Beijing and Hanoi of drawing both a November 2002 agreement signed by China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) to avoid any action which may heighten tensions there.

"We are very concerned at the information from the signing in Beijing on Sept. 1, 2004 between China and the Philippines without any consultation with the other parties involved," he said regarding the deal.

"Vietnam has asked China and the Philippines to provide information on the agreement."

China and the Philippines had each announced a discovery of oil reserves in the area of the Spratly Islands.

The archipelago, which has abundant fishing grounds, lies near key oil lanes

and especially sea routes of interest, but

it has also become a regional flash point

among its six claimants.

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SC warns lawyers, judges on land claims vs UP campus

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE SUPREME Court has warned lawyers and judges to stop entertaining "spurious" claims against the University of the Philippines' title to its Quezon City campus.

The warning came in the latest high court ruling dismissing yet another claim against the UP's ownership of a portion of its sprawling campus in Diliman.

"It is well past time for courts and lawyers to cease wasting their time and resources on these worthless causes and take judicial notice of the fact that UP's title had already been validated countless of times by this court," the high tribunal said.

"Any ruling deviating from such doctrine is to be viewed as a deliberate intent to sabotage the rule of law and will no longer be countenanced," it added.

Fake claims

The decision, dated Sept. 8 and released yesterday, affirmed a Court of Appeals ruling dismissing the claim of Domingo Canero over almost 5,000 sq. meters of land in the UP Diliman campus in Barangay Culiat, Tandang Sora.

The SC said the fake claims only "open the dissolute avenues of graft to unscrupulous land-grabbers who prey like vultures upon the campus of UP."

"By such actions, they wittingly or unwittingly aid the hucksters who want to earn a quick buck by misleading the gullible to buy the Philippine counterpart of the proverbial London Bridge," it added.

The state university owns and maintains several buildings in the area being claimed, including the Philcoa wet market, the Asian Institute of Tourism, the Philippine Social Sciences Building, the National Hydraulic Center, the UP Sewage Treatment Plant, the Petron gas station, the UP Arboretum, the Campus Landscaping Office, the Philippine Atomic Energy Commission building, and the Innotech building.

The tribunal said the appellate court was correct in ruling that the Quezon City regional trial court should have dismissed Canero's complaint.

Absolute absurdity

"It is an absolute absurdity to reconstitute existing certificates of title that are on file and available in the deeds of registry," the high court said.

It said that the lower court never acquired jurisdiction over the reconstitution proceedings since it had failed to notify the UP and adjoining property owners.

The high court also noted that Canero registered his title 18 years after the UP had registered its own title over the land.

"Where there are two certificates of title purporting to cover the same land, the person claiming under the certificate earlier registered is the rightful owner of the lot in dispute," the tribunal said.

It said Canero also never presented his so-called "designated caretakers," while UP was able to prove its possession over the land through the buildings and structures it had set up on the lot.

Last year, the SC affirmed the "validity and indefeasibility" of UP's title over its Diliman campus in two decisions in November 2003. In the two cases, the court upheld UP's claim against those of Jorge H. Chin and Renato B. Mallari.

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House body to push for salary hikes

By Ceferio Pardo and Marlon P. Hurl

IN DEBATE over its monetary plan or its legislative wage hike in the face of rising prices, the House committee on labor will continue to fight for the private sector's wage increase. A P125-per-day wage hike for private workers is a P1,000 monthly pay hike for government employees.

A party list representative said the committee, chair Rep. Raulo S. Sison (Bataan), has been asked to consider approval of the two measures on the committee level despite the fact that the House is in a "lockdown" mode.

"The House committee on labor had approved the wage hike, at least for private workers, during the 12th Congress, but they decided by any process with the same committee," Rep. Sison to Sison (Bataan) said.

Sison said the committee would not consider whether they would get approval on the floor.

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"It is not a problem for the legislative wage increase, we are ready to provide immediate support," it said.

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Tax scam body told: Shape up or ship out

By RHC Cabangan Jr. and Marlon P. Hurl

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Wife denies Tiglao had heart attack

By Jolly Laking-Jarilla

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House OKs postponement of ARMM polls for May

By Cecilia Palda

THE HOUSE has approved the postponement of the Sept. 13 elections of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to be held on May 10, 2005.

It was the first bill passed by the house for the 2004 Congress.

Speaker Jose B. Villar Jr. said that the postponement will not only help in setting for both government and progressive rank-and-file the election of the atmosphere for it to be a free and fair process agreement with the Muslim Liberation Front.

"The postponement would significantly increase the transparency and integrity of the Muslim region and save another P300 million from allocation to the regional election," he stressed.

"Now that the government and the MILF have reached an agreement on the postponement of the regional election, the public postponement would not only ease the political situation in the region but also help in possible steps for peace, disarmament and human rights," he said.

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No post-poll honeymoon for GMA

Arroyo rating plunges on suspicion of election fraud, says survey

By John L. Guevarra

THE 2004 but three professors, first-time Macapagal Arroyo did not enjoy a "post-election honeymoon" with the public giving her a low performance rating of 1.2 percent two months into her term.

The Social Weather Stations and the Group in Manila's rating in the SWS July 5-20 survey was consistent to widespread public suspicion that her opponents in the May presidential election were cheated.

A majority of 55 percent believed that opposition leaders Benigno Aquino Jr. and Sen. Loren Legarda were cheated in the 2004 election.

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PALACE REACTION

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S. Korea admits nuke arms bid in early '80s

SEOUL—South Korea admitted on Thursday that its scientists extracted a small amount of plutonium, a key ingredient for making nuclear bombs, in secret research in the early 1980s.

The admission comes just one week after the country made startling revelations that it had conducted unauthorized experiments to enrich uranium, also used to build nuclear weapons.

A government official said a recent visit by inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to a South Korean government-run nuclear research center was linked to the previously undisclosed research on plutonium.

"We have been in consultation with the IAEA over the inspection of our nuclear research activity (based on plutonium) in the early 1980s," the government official, who declined to be named, told reporters.

South Korea admitted last week that the same research center conducted unauthorized tests to enrich uranium four years ago.

The plutonium research was conducted at a now-defunct "TRIGA-type" research reactor at the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute, at the time located in a northern Seoul suburb, the official said.

"A small number of scientists were engaged in the experiment to analyze the chemical properties of plutonium, but there have been no records on their research or on how much plutonium was extracted," the Ministry of Science and Technology said in a statement.

"An investigation showed that a minuscule amount of plutonium was extracted in April and May 1982," the statement added.

The statement said that Seoul filed a report to the IAEA in September 1983, concerning nuclear material that had gone missing. It added that equipment used for the test was

later scrapped but is still in the possession of the research institute.

South Korean officials said the experiment did not violate Seoul's commitments under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which seeks to prevent the use of nuclear technology for military purposes.

Seoul last week admitted that its scientists four years ago had carried out an unauthorized experiment at the state-run research center in Daejeon, south of Seoul, to enrich uranium. It denied the research was linked to a weapons program.

An IAEA team investigated South Korea's nuclear activities last week and its findings will be discussed at a four-day board meeting of the nuclear watchdog next week.

The clandestine activity embarrassed both the United States and its ally South Korea at a time when they are trying through six-party talks to pressure communist North Korea to end its nuclear weapons drive.

South Korean officials insist that the country has no interest in acquiring atomic bombs. Seoul abandoned any such ambitions in the 1970s, they say, after Washington persuaded then-military dictator Park Chung-hee to give up his clandestine nuclear weapons program.

However North Korea, responding to the uranium enrichment revelations, said on Wednesday that the South's nuclear activities could trigger an arms race in the region.

"We view South Korea's uranium enrichment program as part of armament race in the Northeast Asian region," Han Song-ryol, deputy chief of North Korea's mission to the United Nations, told the Yonhap News Agency.

"It will be difficult to prevent the spread of armament race in the region due to the South's nuclear experiment." **AFP**

Costa Rica court orders government to withdraw from US-led coalition

SAN JOSE—The constitutional court of Costa Rica has ordered the government to withdraw the country's name from an international coalition that supports the US-led war in Iraq, officials said Wednesday.

"We have been told that for constitutional reasons we must withdraw from the list of coalition members," Costa Rican Foreign Minister Roberto Tovar told reporters.

The court has found three constitutional violations in the decision of the government of President Abel Pacheco to include Costa Rica in the coalition.

The case against the government was brought by a University of Costa Rica law student.

Tovar said the court ruling will be respected and executed immediately. **AFP**

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Erythromycin can trigger cardiac deaths, says study

TRENTON, New Jersey—A widely used antibiotic that was long considered safe dramatically increases the risk of cardiac arrest, particularly when taken with some popular drugs for infections and high blood pressure, a huge study has found.

The drug is erythromycin, which has been on the market for 50 years and is prescribed for everything from strep throat to syphilis.

The new study shows the need for continuing research on the safety of older medicines, including how they interact with newer drugs, said researcher Wayne A. Ray, a professor of preventive medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee.

Taken alone, erythromycin doubled the very low risk of sudden cardiac death among patients in the study.

In patients taking other drugs—those that increase erythromycin's concentration in the blood—the risk of cardiac death was more than five times greater, Ray and his colleagues found. That translates to six deaths for every 10,000 people taking erythromycin for the typical two weeks while on the other drugs.

"This is an unacceptably high risk," Ray said.

Nobody realized the magnitude of the problem before, said Dr. Muhamed Saric, a cardiologist and director of the electrocardiology laboratory at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. "It was thought that erythromycin is a generally safe drug."

Most heart doctors knew erythromycin alone carried a slight risk because of some individual reports on patient deaths, mostly in people who took the drug intravenously. However, family doctors are less likely to know about it, Saric said.

This study, in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, was the first to systematically document the risk. It focused on much more commonly used erythromycin pills—usually sold as a generic—along with certain medicines for infections and calcium channel blockers for high blood pressure.

Ray said the danger seems to come from other drugs slowing the breakdown of erythromycin, which increases its concentration. At high levels, it traps salt inside resting heart muscle cells, prolonging the time until the next heartbeat starts, and sometimes triggering an abnormal, potentially fatal, rhythm.

The findings show doctors should choose an alternative antibiotic, Ray said, at least when prescribing the drugs that interact. Amoxicillin, another popular antibiotic, showed no cardiac risk.

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Twice shy

OWCE heard, twice shy, as the saying goes. President Macapagal-Arroyo may have assumed her intention to get tough, like any president who assumes about not being held hostage by vested interests. The fact is, however, that we've all heard this before, and no one is falling over himself in expecting anything to really change.

The President shouldn't be surprised if her attempt at making tough acts involved with discipline, like it is about the only President we have had who has deliberately rejected the urge to make grand statements and attempt rhetoric that soon, then, the recent episode the country to keep to that in respect the moment she tries to social ground.

The truth is, even if the President had a president for rhetoric, the country to past conflicting rhetorical flourish for real achievements. We have all experienced too many grand things being put in speeches while the reality of daily life only gets worse. The country needs to see results; it wants to see action, not false words. It certainly knows better than to take any politician, including the President, at his word.

When the President speaks against vested interests, first of all, she must consider how much she is identified with those interests. In the public mind, she is as much wedded to those interests as her own claims to be married to the nation. Her husband himself, represents the ideas, most reducing vested interest of all, the lauded oligarchy. Her political ally himself represents all the vested interests that have plagued our country: the commercial elite, the various families of our traditional political dynasty, the families of mafiosos. It is to say to say that under her administration, the country has failed to witness a sustained period when his Arroyo turned her back on vested interests and speed for a grander, freer, approach to politics.

The deliberate avoidance of rhetoric has been matched by her willful avoidance of political risk when program implementation can gain her support. She has feared for her loss that has disintegrated in working, by making backroom deals and doing not get wrong. There is not an innovative administration in the political arena. It is a political operator's paradise, with all the wealth in cynicism and cynicism and cynicism, and cynicism, and cynicism. To top it off, the President has chosen that when presented with a choice, the crooked road is more to her liking than the straight path. She would rather deal with the power players, the bosses and bosses than the people who want the system fixed. She has lost at many of her cabinet appointments as Malacañan's most delicate of the post-war. Whenever the law ground has presented itself, she opts to rule in instead of trying to maintain the high ground in her political conduct. (Consider her state visit to China with her whole family in tow, including a few who are much too young to appreciate anything they see there, much less the significance of the event.)

This, then, is why the public's response to her latest move to not be held hostage by vested interests has been underwhelming. Tough words followed by tough acts are not what she has come to be known for. While she retains the grudging respect and even admiration of many for her personal discipline and keen mind, she cannot expect—yet not yet and not soon—to be considered a transcending reformer.

Is the Smokey Mountain project safe?

AS I SEE IT

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DAR inept, corrupt, farmers say during rally

By Remy E. Amador
PFI Baguio Bureau

MANILA CITY—More than 100 agribusiness reform beneficiaries (ARBF) gathered Wednesday to demand the resignation of Agriculture Secretary Ernesto Alcala to denounce his administration as the main obstacle to their development on the island.

The group, belonging to the National Farmers' Alliance of the Philippines and Baguio Farmers' Association, said that Alcala, who took office in 2007, has failed to deliver on his promises to improve the lives of farmers. They also criticized his administration for allegedly selling state lands to private interests and for allegedly neglecting farmers' needs.

Other concerns

The protesters also raised other issues such as the lack of access to credit, extension and farm services. They also criticized the government for allegedly selling state lands to private interests and for allegedly neglecting farmers' needs.

800 PERCENT INCREASE

Bacolod lawyers seek action on legal fees

BACOLOD CITY—Some 300 members of Bacolod's Bar Association are calling on the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) to take action to curb the 800 percent increase in legal fees in the city.

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LEFTOVERS HUNTER An unidentified scavenger rummages through piles of trash on a street in Baguio City for leftover food. The scavenger is one of many who survive on the leftovers of the city's residents.

Exec says SSS needs contribution hike to survive

MANILA CITY—An official of the Social Security System (SSS) said that the agency needs to raise its contribution rates to survive. He said that the SSS is facing a financial crisis and that it needs to raise its contribution rates to stay afloat.

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Navarrete runs amuck with fists after wife leaves him

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—A man named Navarrete was charged with multiple counts of assault and battery after a series of incidents in which he used his fists against others. He was charged with assault and battery on a woman and on a man.

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Union-busting takes new form in criminal charges

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO—The city's labor union is facing criminal charges for allegedly violating labor laws. The city is accused of violating labor laws by firing union members and by other actions.

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Cracker factory blast kills 2

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A 2.3-Megaton explosion and hot steam-cold water blast were killed Thursday when two workers exploded in a home factory in Maricao, Maricao, police said.

The victims, Mario Lopez and Rita Lopez, 40, were both suffered from third degree burns on their bodies.

Police said the victims' mother, Gerardo Alvarado, was not in the factory when the explosion occurred. They said Alvarado was not a registered manufacturer.

Deadly play

Police were looking into reports that the blast occurred when the two children studied inside the industrial manufacturing factory and played with the chemicals and finished products in the laboratory.

Reports said the factory workers were taking a break at that time. Police estimated the damage at \$500,000.

September is the start of the peak production and sale of fireworks and pyrotechnic products here and other Cuban areas in preparation for the holidays.

Law enacted

In 1992, Congress enacted Republic Act 7744 or An Act Regulating the Sale, Manufacture, Distribution and Use of Fireworks and other Pyrotechnics.

One of the aims of the law was to prevent the proliferation of illegal fireworks factories.

Thursday's blast was an indication that the illegal manufacture of pyrotechnic materials was still taking place.

Lawmen told to cite drivers of gov't cars

By Cristina S. Bustin

GRATUIT of government-owned vehicles are not immune to arrest.

As such, Secretary Leticia Mendoza of the Department of Transportation and Communications urged the police yesterday to apprehend drivers of wrong-way vehicles.

Mendoza issued the call to traffic enforcement officers a day after he warned against the use of government vehicles for unofficial business.

According to him, most drivers of red plate vehicles violate traffic rules with impunity as they are emboldened by the reluctance of traffic enforcers to flag them down and stop them promptly.

High standards

"While they demand high standards for government officials, I think this campaign [of monitoring misbehavior of government vehicles] should be widened to cover other vehicles controlled by drivers of government-owned vehicles," the DOTC chief said.

He had traffic policemen must strictly enforce road regulations by not opening a blind eye on violations committed by drivers of government vehicles.

"Traffic enforcers of the DENR, the DSWD and local government units should not hesitate to issue traffic violation tickets to all erring drivers, whether they are driving government vehicles or not," Mendoza said.

He said drivers of government vehicles should set a good example.

Obstacles to traffic laws and law enforcement may cause the flow of traffic and sometimes accidents.

Excess traffic

Mendoza said he had directed the DOTC Action Center to assist the Law Enforcement Unit in complying with a Memorandum order to monitor and report misbehavior of government vehicles.

Mendoza and the field personnel of the DOTC Action Center, who primarily enforced traffic laws and getting other motor-vehicle vehicles, would also assist the DOTC in Police headquarters.

He said the DOTC and DOTC operatives should not only keep an eye on vehicles but also on stopping malls and bus stops, especially at night.

The DOTC chief said the public could also help in the campaign to ensure that government vehicles are used only for official business and needs.

Mendoza said concerned citizens could call the DOTC Action Center hotline 7990 or text 2295 if they know of any violations.

GMA takes credit for stocks surge

By GEC Cabanogon Jr.

PRESIDENT Manuel Arroyo is taking credit for the return of the bulls in the stock market.

Malacanan claimed that confidence in the Arroyo administration had pushed the benchmark index to its first close in more than four years.

"Confidence in the incoming administration is the political backdrop," said First Security Agency Bureau in a briefing.

The 38-company Philippine Stock Exchange Index yesterday

President's decision to address the country's problems head-on, going so far as allowing that the country was in a fiscal crisis.

Investors were also buoyed by the robust economic growth of 6.3 percent in the first half of the year, which has prompted economists to adjust the growth target for the year down to 5.9 percent and 6.1 percent this year from the original forecast of between 6.8 percent and 7.8 percent.

Arroyo, who topped the index to his between 1,800 and 2,000 before the year ends, traced the uptick to his decision to

President was evident in the "well-dutty of our people in collectively face the crisis, their political will, and the sense of hope that projects a brighter future."

But he cited the September PSE—mostly pushed from downward—no indication of the positive response of the public to the President's plan for success.

An agency will be formed to manage the government's financial affairs, which money would be released as income of the Bureau of Tre-



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Vehicle sales in August down 6.7%

By Ronald RC Domingo

LOCAL vehicle manufacturers suffered another hit today as they reported a 6.7-percent drop in month-on-month sales in August due to unavailable stocks, delay in production and shipment, as well as the continued uncertainty in the business climate in view of the "fiscal crisis."

According to the latest report of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines (CAMP) and the Truck Manufacturers Association (TMA), total sales in August dipped 11 percent to 7,386 from 7,991 in July.

Figures for the first eight months show a decline of 10 percent to 57,891 units compared with year-ago period.

However, manufacturers are still hopeful that industry sales would improve in September given aggressive promotions, introduction of new models and minor changes in existing models, the report said.

Passenger car sales continued to fuel the overall industry performance with a 63-percent increase to the first eight months to 31,334 units. This represented 37 percent of all vehicles sold in the period.

The commercial vehicle segment—light trucks, trucks and buses, urban utility vehicles (MUVs) and light commercial vehicles (LCVs)—continued to slump with a 27-percent decline to total of 20,859 units sold in January to August.

In the same period, sales of both the MUVs and the light trucks fell by 31 percent. Sales of LCVs grew 11 percent and of trucks and buses by 1 percent.

In month-on-month sales, Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. led the pack with 38 percent of the market. It sold 12,883 units in the first eight months, up by 6.8 percent from a year ago.

Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp. came second with 14 percent of the market, selling 8,130 units. This, however, represented a 23-percent decline in sales compared with year-ago figures.

Isuzu Cars Philippines Inc. placed third with 12 percent of the market. It sold 7,331 units from January to August, a decline of 3.14 percent from the year-ago total.

In the passenger car segment, Toyota grabbed on a percent of the market. It sold 22.8 percent, and General Motors Auto Sales Philippines had 6.4 percent.

Thus, Toyota sold the biggest number commercial vehicles, grabbing on 8 percent of the market segment. Mitsubishi captured 19.2 percent and Isuzu Philippines Corp. 17.1 percent.

DTI lifts ban on Solid Cement

By Kenneth W. Domingo

THE CONSUMER DTPA filed a request to lift the ban on solid cement in its place in the market for its use in the construction of bridges and other infrastructure projects.

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BIR eyes back taxes from ecozone firms

By Michelle V. Ramos

THE BUREAU of Internal Revenue has issued a notice to ecozone firms regarding back taxes.

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AGENCY AS WELL AS THE INDUSTRY

GSIS investment income hit P12.56B in July

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

THE GOVERNMENT Service Insurance System (GSIS) earned P12.56 billion in the first seven months of the year, 99 percent more than the figure posted over the same period last year.

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A promising private sector initiative

By Dennis M. Dela Cruz

DURING the last meeting of the Customs Oversight Committee on Anti-Smuggling (Coas) on Aug. 30, it was announced that the regular Wednesday meetings would be terminated.

This was because the Coas, the National Anti-Smuggling Task Force (NASTF), and the Anti-Smuggling and Intelligence Center (ASISC) were to be abolished.

The private sector representatives of Coas expressed their disappointment when they heard the announcement.

They passed a resolution acknowledging

the effective work of the three anti-smuggling agencies.

And they did not stop there. They also announced that they would continue the bi-weekly anti-smuggling meetings the Coas had initiated last year.

They would also invite the same government representatives of Coas to their

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Wednesday meetings. Instead of a government-led committee, it would now be a private sector initiative called the Multi-Sectoral Customs Against Smuggling (MCAAS).

The MCAAS is jointly undertaken by the Federation of Philippine Industries, the

Myanmar Agriculturalists and the Bar Trade Alliance.

Last Sept. 8, the MCAAS called their first meeting. Prior to the assembly the private sector members were asked that government members would attend some representative ones, and would not be as aggressive as they were before.

They were also afraid that only peripheral issues would be addressed.

So it seemed odd, their fears were groundless.

High-level representation

High-level government officials attended the assembly, so in previous Coas meetings.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Iñiguez, Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Angelo Reyes (who used to be Coas chair), Finance Secretary Josemaria Alvarado, Agriculture Secretary Arturo Supan and Trade and Industry Secretary Cesar Purisima were also represented during the MCAAS meeting.

Also, Finance Undersecretary Noel Rosales and Interior Undersecretary Mel Rosales took shared parts in the course of the meeting.

One key official, Commissioner George Alvarez of the Bureau of Customs, could not come.

But he sent Deputy Commissioner Rey Alas as well as the heads of all the units involved in anti-smuggling.

The private sector leaders said that, as taxpayers, they were entitled to govern their own country.

However, they added that they were pleased as the manner of support the government had shown by sending high-level government representatives to the meeting.

16-point program

During the meeting, the MCAAS executive committee proposed a 16-point program, the title of which the members expected with a 30-day.

In most instances, the government representatives agreed with the initiative. They even suggested that the target compliance dates be met before the next MCAAS meeting in Sept. 22.

In one point, an undersecretary challenged a business leader to speed up a proposed procedure that would enable the private sector to audit the BOC rules in the case of Customs Bonded Warehouses (CBW) where the bulk of the smuggling occurred.

The government private sector initiative turned into a mutually supportive endeavor, encouraging teamwork and developing accommodations regarding shared issues.

Substantive issues

The MCAAS assembly also achieved a breakthrough with the Internal Forward Movement (IFM).

The IFM is a document that lists the goods coming in from abroad on a specific vessel. The document is given to the Bureau of Customs at least two days before the shipment is loaded, while a haulage is provided upon arrival.

For many years, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Trade and Industry wanted access to these IFMs.

They would have enabled them to effectively monitor the shipments and prevent smuggling.

Last March, the ASISC under the supervision of Secretary Ingaldo Reyes got access to the IFMs.

At the MCAAS meeting last Wednesday the private sector proposed that the DA and DTI executives should also be given access.

The government representatives supported this proposal. They agreed to accept it this week for two weeks.

In addition, they would explore the possibility of providing IFMs to private sector representatives selected by the DA and DTI officials.

This would be an added check in preventing the entry of undeclared smuggled goods, estimated to be at least \$350 million.

Still hopeful

Jose Arduina, a key MCAAS leader who has probably done the most to combat smuggling, is still hopeful that the three government anti-smuggling bodies will be retained.

Whether or not that happens, it is still believed that the private sector is continuing the fight against smuggling.

It is only with government support, such as that shown in the last MCAAS meeting, that the private sector eventually turns into a reality.

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Distinctly Dries



It is not easy to wear Van Noten, but, as they say, once a customer, always a customer

By Ellynn Co.
Contributor

If there is a single label that consistently epitomizes "jetsetting lifestyle," it has to be Antwerp-based Dries Van Noten.

One of the few designers who have not succumbed to globally owned multi-labeled fashion con-

glomerates, Dries, as late as 1985, opened his business in 1985 in a small shop in 1989, his current two-story flagship was constructed in Antwerp, Belgium, in a building dating from the 16th.

It is not easy to wear Dries Van Noten, but as they say, once a customer, always a customer. For one, it is not a "polished" or "glamorous" line. Van Noten usually keeps his collection of rich, intricately woven

and color-treated fabrics that look and feel more like linens than fine silk, more Dutil Lenoir than Jovani Trump.

The Dries Van Noten woman is less driven by editorial mensurables or fashion endorsed by celebrities. The first lady ever admitted and is not least included in magazine editorials.

Yes, it has an elite following and faithful following of customers who

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'Perfumed' divas



ACTRESS Catherine Zeta-Jones endorses Provocative Woman by Elizabeth Arden.

I STILL can't get over sultry Salma Hayek's endorsement of Avon's Today fragrance. It seems singing and acting divas are bumping off fashion/supermodels and taking over the fragrance field. It has been going on for quite some time now, but people only stood up and took notice when Jennifer Lopez came out with Glow by J.Lo, and the latest, SHI. The latter did not take off like the first, probably because soon after its launch, Jennifer (the much publicized romance between Ben Affleck and Lopez, which inspired the buzz engagement ring on SHI's bottle) ceased to exist.

The scents, of course, come with a whole range of body care products for

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layering purposes.

Curious, Catherine Zeta-Jones was very much involved in the creation of the scent Provocative Woman for Elizabeth Arden, (30 ml, P2,050; 50 ml, P2,750; and 100 ml, P3,450). Its main objective: make men potty in your hands.

The bottle's shape was inspired by a

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'Perfumed' divas

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woman's curves. The midnight beauty carved side is a perfect fit on your buttocks. Flipped away, it fits on the lower curve of your back. The perfume, a truly fluid, is surprisingly light for a sexy scent. It is a combination of diluted spices (clover to a prickly poppy blossom, yarrow and black seed). You smell it when you are up close, and it does not irritate your nose. You can wear the dress but very soon all day during the colder months and on evenings during the dry season.

Brachio's fragrance is Thierry Mugler's nose for his new fragrance, True Star (175,200 for 100 ml and 124,000 for 50 ml). The neutral fresh and warm opens, in keeping with the Mugler tradition, and reflects the young, energetic sense of Brachio himself. It's for the very woman who is comfortable with herself. The scent can be worn all year round. The bottle is a tall, slender, pearlescent like sculpted glass, which resembles an animal. It smells like the BOB's Men and L'Oréal's Afta but with a twist because it stimulates your feeling, which makes you want to smell it again and again.

Jean Paul Gaudier's Fugle comes in a body lotion version, which seems a shameless play on the film. I include this in my diva article because the bottle has a reference to a long black hair in green translucent of the same dress, which calls, the famous opera singer and body motion of Greek magazine in wonder Greece.

The body lotion is a solid perfume that lasts all day and comes in a variety of perfume pouches you can wear around your neck or your wrist. It is not a scent for everyone. JPG's Fugle (cherry the scent, but the other way around, and it changes). The scent is almost identical to well in body chemistry.

Thierry Mugler, on the other hand, refers to use a name for his new fragrance, his first women's name simply called Mugler Cologne. The citrus fragrance comes on the skin.

True in TM tradition, the fragrance is inspired by Mugler's childhood. While inspired, instead of his grandmother's baked goods, this scent brought to mind his mother's cooking. This scent is not for all other playing outside. The matching body lotion has a really scent blended with citrus.

The new fragrance is more available than Angel, and I truly can't imagine it smelling anything but good on anyone. In fact, during its introduction to the media, guests (men and women alike) consistently walked away with a hug—the smell is addictive.

The scent is available in perfume, body lotion and the cylindrical line glass bottle available. The large 100-ml bottle costs 124,000; 125 ml, 124,000; and 75 ml, 124,000.

Bulgari's Diva Crystalino (100 ml, 124,000 and 65 ml, 124,000) smells nothing like its predecessor Diva, which is very sweet. The new scent is more floral and more suited to our climate. It also has a greater level of other very white. It resembles a magical perfume from a fantasy movie like "Lord of the Rings" or "Harry Potter." I imagine it on some one like Liv Ullmann or Catherine Deneuve.

Announcements

Announcements of this year, on which our theme centers for special. Your favorite limited-edition women's fragrances such as Lady Miro's Diva body lotion (124,000), Diva's Diva (124,000), Gaudier's Chérie (124,000) and La Mère (124,000) will only be on the market until October, and then will be pulled out.

Elizabeth Arden, Thierry Mugler and Thierry Mugler are exclusively available at the hotel.

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Provocative by Jean Paul Gaudier on fragrance to Paris-Collins

Provocative Women's fragrance comes in packaging



Invasion of the anti-scents

By Alex C. Pappas

WHEN it comes to men's fragrances, fashion's business continues to change: among perfumes in the bottom shelf is more of mild, refreshing scents that leave their owners with a clean, energetic and "out-of-the-closets" feeling.

It seems that consumers—and their significant others—no longer go for "to-you-or-me" fragrances that mark a male as a man. They prefer subtle hints and fresh scents, evoked by their own perfumes: Guadalupe, Clean and One's Higher Energy.

A perfume is considered good if you hardly smell it or even smell

but others do," says Thomas Fuchs, Guadalupe's brand manager. "Guadalupe is that subtle. Even I wear it myself and get compliments for it."

Guadalupe also has been used to nothing about the fragrance market in the last 10 years. In 1990, Guadalupe and Clean were for a time the equivalent of male film, with an image of a man in a suit and tie, looking down.

Like many of us, American rapper Jay-Z was just a teenager in search of a way to stand out with his music. He wanted to wear with his hip-hop style and his own style. He and his partner eventually gave



OUT OF THE SHOWS: Clean, Higher Energy and Guadalupe

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